

## CHECKLIST FOR POST HURRICANE RECOVERY OPERATIONS

### **A. Vessels, Agents, Facilities, Pilots, & Coast Guard:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Conduct a damage assessment survey as soon as possible after the passing of the storm. Notify the COTP Wilmington of any persons in distress, major damage, pollution or any other hazardous situations as soon as possible.
- \_\_\_\_\_ It can be anticipated that commercial power and consequently other utilities will be interrupted for up to 96 hours or more. The various draw and swing span bridges may experience delays or closures, which could severely hinder both marine and vehicle traffic.

### **B. Coast Guard (COTP):**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Account for all ships which remained in port and any new arrivals, obtain status of waterfront facilities.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Survey AOR for persons and vessels in distress, pollution, debris, navigation aids displaced, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ If required, contract towing companies that have current Blanket Purchasing Agreements (BPAs) to secure breakaway vessels that pose a pollution risk. The National Pollution Fund Center will provide a Federal Project Number.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Render assistance as appropriate. Prioritize and coordinate response and relief efforts in the following order:
  1. Search and Rescue
  2. Evaluate vessels reporting distress
  3. Response to fires, HAZMAT, and oil pollution incidents with potentially significant impact
  4. Hazards to navigation
  5. ATON (daytime) positioning
  6. Evaluate facility damage
  7. Shoaling
  8. ATON (night time)
  9. Minor releases of HAZMAT and oil pollution incidents
  10. Evaluate abandoned vessels for pollution threat
  11. Law enforcement
  12. Conduct security patrols as requested and resources become available
  13. Conduct routine law enforcement
  14. Resume normal maritime patrols

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—— Coordinate survey of commercial channels as soon as possible with ACOE. Prioritize resumption of transportation and commerce as follows:

1. Initial assessment by Coast Guard vessels while reconstituting through:
  - a) Aids to navigation surveys
  - b) Depth sounder surveys
2. If the initial assessment is satisfactory, the river will be opened to recreational vessels and commercial vessels with a draft of less than 10 feet.
3. The Army Corps of Engineers will assess the entrance channels and rivers through survey. Their priority of surveys will be the Federal channels first, followed by the Intracoastal Waterway and inlets.
4. Reestablish normal port control operations.

C. **Vessels**: Render assistance as necessary or requested. Assess damages and make reports to agents.

D. **Facilities**: Assess damages to docks and moorings, communications, storage tanks, lighting, and all cargo handling gear. Visually inspect cargo lines and, if damaged, conduct static liquid pressure test of cargo lines to at least 1½ times the MAWP for integrity. Make reports to COTP.

E. **Agents**: Contact vessels and collect status assessments. Report same to COTP Wilmington. Direct vessels not to move or resume operations until authorized by the Captain of the Port.

F. **Pilots**: Assist COTP Wilmington in assessing channel and aids to navigation damage, assist vessels in distress, and coordinate vessel movements.